



BERTOLINI'S PALACE

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Thursday noon.

Feb. 13th 1913

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My dear uncle Walter,

This morning has just come
{sent down from Rome} your letter to mother
of Jan. 30th full of interest. She asks me
to thank you for it, & about the money for
the shawls, she says just to let it stand
over now until she gets home. My last
letter home was Wed. evening, I think, to
Marian Deane, when I was able to give a
most excellent report of how mother was
going on. She had set up 4 hours & even
taken her first little walk on my small
bedroom & the strength was coming back
every day. Now I am more than disappointed

to say she has had a sharp indigestion
all the night, yesterday & ^{now} today we
hope it is on the mend but she has had more
pain to bear & a very slight temperature. Of
course back in bed & she is discouraged, & of
course the has taken the little reserve
strength she had & put her back a bit. I suppose
I must expect "out backs" & the digestion is
her weak point, but we were so careful & all
going so well so nicely that I am fearfully
disappointed. It has not however been
necessary so far to call in the doctor again &
last night she slept pretty well.

Now we both want to thank you for your
kind cable. It was so good & both Mary
& I & you ^{too} to do so. Yours
arrived {opened & retelegraphed by Brown
Shipley according to my orders} on Thurs.
Feb. 12th about 2.30 P.M. They telegraphed
"Cambridge cable reads," then repeated yours
& signed, Shiprah. Mother was pleased to
have it. Emma had just come in after her
lunch to see mother & was there when it came.

I have been so sorry to cause all the family at home so much worry & anxiety, but I could not help it as it was only right to let you all know; & by cabling the better news first, I hoped to relieve you all before the first letter came. - The "foraine" must have been late in N.Y. She was due I think Fri. P.M. late. So you must have had the letter Mon. or Tues. I have little to tell you of any interest. I am well mother nearly all the time; & due to the ^{natural} reaction after the hard time I passed thru; I am more nervous myself now than I was when she was so very ill. Foolish of me too, for I don't really think there is any need for me to be so.

Our nurse is kind & faithful. How thankful I shall be when we can get away from here & get up to Rome. Emma is so kind

and makes no complaints about the upset of all her plans & seems quite content as long as she has all her many newspapers which she reads all the time. Of course I can't now give her much companionship & what it is, I fear is not of the most cheerful sort! I read aloud every afternoon to mother & she has been sewing some. Yesterday P.M. was a sharp snow squall & it was a cold night & is cold & blustering today. Vesuvius covered with a light powdering of snow & far down its sides, & the more distant mountains quite white. I walked at 7 o'clock this A.M. the beautiful sun rose & the huge "Cedric" coming into harbor, back from Egypt. She goes back now to N.Y. touching at Madeira en route a new plan. I am not sure if I have ack. your fine letter about Mrs. Powell's reception; but it was very welcome, as all your nice letters always are. I am delighted Aunt Margie went to the theatre with you. Please let Mary Deane read this. Affly. Mary Deane Dexter.



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